

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants request
20 that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-
1449 form, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R.
§1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above mentioned
application for United States Patent.

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REMARKS

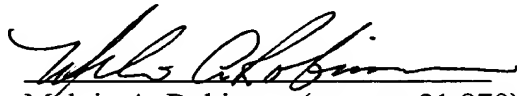
Enclosed are copies of the five references as cited in the International Search Report. Also enclosed is a copy of each of the three references cited and discussed in the present application.

5 A further reference is enclosed for the Examiner's review, in particular, German Patent No. DE PS 195 31 967.

Favorable consideration of the present application in view of the enclosed prior art is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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